

## NON IMMIGRANT VISAS

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### **Information for Persons from countries other than The Bahamas or the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCIs) Who Wish to Apply for Visas at the U.S. Embassy in Nassau.**

Embassy Nassau's visa appointment system gives preference to persons who are residents of Nassau's Consular District; that is, to citizens and legal residents of The Bahamas and to Belongers and legal residents of the Turks and Caicos Islands. The embassy will not expedite appointments for other applicants.

In addition, Embassy Nassau restricts certain types of applications from **Third Country Nationals** (persons who are not from the Nassau Consular District.)

### **Who Can Apply at the U.S. Embassy in Nassau?**

- Third Country Nationals seeking business, tourist, crew or transit visas may apply at Embassy Nassau. However, applicants should be aware that they must apply in person, and that such visas may sometimes take weeks or even months to process. In addition, the Embassy cannot assist Third Country Nationals with Bahamian visa requirements, nor with alternate travel arrangements if their U.S. visa should be delayed or denied.
- Third Country National applicants residing in the United States seeking to renew their student, exchange or temporary employment visa may apply **if – and only if – their current such visa was issued at a U.S. Embassy or Consulate in their country of citizenship or legal residence.** A spouse or dependent children may apply with the principal visa holder if the principal meets the criteria above. Note: a renewal is defined as an application for the same type of visa that the applicant already holds; it specifically does **not** include cases where a prospective applicant held a different classification of visa (or Visa Waiver status), even if a "change of status" to the new classification was authorized by the Department of Homeland Security.

### **Who Cannot Apply at the U.S. Embassy in Nassau?**

- Third Country Nationals who seek a Treaty Trader or Treaty Investor Visa (the United States does not have pertinent treaties with either The Bahamas or the TCIs);
- Third Country Nationals who are not physically present in Nassau's Consular District.

